

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The applicants have studied the office action mailed November 17, 2009, and believe the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Claims 5 and 71 have been amended to substitute the full term --audio/video-- for the abbreviation "AV" to provide additional clarity. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments are made to clarify recited features and do not narrow the scope of the claimed inventions.

As set forth above, claims have been amended to provide additional clarity. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments will not require a new search or raise new issues for consideration by the Examiner. It is submitted that these amendments place the claims in better form for appeal. These amendments were not presented earlier because they were deemed appropriate to advance prosecution after receipt of the latest Office Action. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to enter and consider these amendments after the final rejection.

Although Applicants amended claims, Applicants are not conceding in this application that claims in their pre-amended form are invalid, as the present claim amendments are for facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in this present application and one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Claims 1-11 and 67-77 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,553,455. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Although applicants disagree, in order to expedite prosecution, filed concurrently herewith is a terminal disclaimer with respect to the cited U.S. Patent No. 6,553,455. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the rejection of the claims should be withdrawn.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the nonelected claims in a divisional application.

The Examiner has made various comments concerning the anticipation or obviousness of certain features of the present inventions. Applicants respectfully disagree. Applicants have addressed those comments directly hereinabove or the Examiner's comments are deemed moot in view of the above response.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims are patentable. Should any additional fees be required beyond those paid, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0466.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7970 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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